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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. U.S. Patent No. U.S. 6,205,352 B1, dated March 20, 2001, issued to Carroll;
2. U.S. Patent No. 5,857,463, dated January 12, 1999, issued to Thurston et al.;
3. Japanese Patent Application Laid Open No. 2001-299676, published October 30, 2001 together with an English language abstract;

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4. Japanese Patent Application Laid Open No. 9-189770, published July 22, 1997 together with an English language abstract;
5. Japanese Patent Application Laid Open No. 10-96782, published April 14, 1998 together with an English language abstract; and
6. Tanaka, S., et al., "Sentinel Node Biopsy by using High Tc SQUID Sensor", Journal of Japan Biomagnetism and Biomagnetics Society (Special Issue) Vol. 15, No. 1, 2002.

Applicants are submitting copies references 3-6. References 1 and 2 are not being submitted herewith, as copies of U.S. patents are no longer required per the waiver of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(i) in effect as of June 30, 2003. The relevance of references 1 and 3-6 has been described in the specification.

Inasmuch as this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in accordance with the schedule set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no statement or fee is required.

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